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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : With all sacredness and with the proper permission of the authorities concerned, an idol has got to be installed. We cannot contravene the provisions of any section of the Act and nobody can go on installing any idol in any temple. Only where there is need and where there is public opinion in favour, idols will be installed in order to meet the wishes of the public and also in conformity with the provisions of the Act.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : May I be permitted to point out that I have consulted experts in agamas on this question and that they have assured me that there is no objection to installation of a new idol in this temple?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : This is a mere monument and if there is no place for worship, then the suggestion of the hon. Member can be accepted. But this is a place notified under the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act and also there is a place for worship. That is why a conflict arises and as I said, we shall do our best in the matter.

Multi-purpose courses in schools

3-10 p.m. * 128 Q.—SRI JOHN ASIRVATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of schools in the State in which multi-purpose courses have been introduced in the year 1956;

(*b*) the number of Anglo-Indian schools among them;

(*c*) the criteria for the selection of schools for multi-purpose courses;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that schools of five or ten years' standing have been included in the multi-purpose scheme while much older schools have been left out; and

(*e*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Twenty-five schools were selected for introduction of bifurcated courses in the year 1956.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) to (*e*) The following principles are observed in selecting schools :—

(1) that the provision of multi-purpose schools with two diversified courses should be made available in every district;

(2) that all types of school-managements should be represented in the selection;

(3) that the courses provided in any schools should, as far as possible, be related to local industries, trades, etc., and

(4) that the size of the high school Forms IV to VI should be such as to offer scope for the opening of two diversified courses.

Schools which fulfilled these principles, were selected regardless of their standing.

SRI JOHN ASIRVATHAM : May I know the reasons for not selecting even a single Anglo-Indian school for these courses?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There is no particular reason. Perhaps the curriculum in Anglo-Indian schools is a little bit different. Whether it will fit in with the syllabus for the bifurcated courses will be examined.

SRI JOHN ASIRVATHAM : I do feel that there is sufficient scope and adaptability in Anglo-Indian schools, that they could be converted into multi-purpose schools and that the average Anglo-Indian boy or girl is technically inclined.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That might be so. That is what I said just now. It will have to be examined whether the existing syllabus for this course will fit in with that syllabus or whether there has to be some reorganization.

SRI JOHN ASIRVATHAM : May I know the number of multi-purpose schools contemplated under the Second Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : One hundred and eighty during the five years at the rate of 36 courses for each year.

Fixation of pay of re-employed persons by local bodies

* 129 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that with reference to orders passed by the Government in regard to the fixation of pay of re-employed persons by local bodies, the Tiruchirappalli District Board in May 1956 refixed the salaries of certain teachers re-employed by them and ordered recoveries with retrospective effect from 1st April 1954?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes. The question whether these orders require any modification in relation to teachers is under further consideration of Government.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : May I know whether the Head-masters re-employed in the same or similar post under local bodies are exempted from this particular Government Order?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have already stated that it is under consideration.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : In view of the fact that this rule was given effect to by the Tiruchirappalli District Board two years after the passing of the Government Order and recoveries